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WHO'S CREATING? Civil Manila (left) celebrates his gold in tennis against the No. 1 seed David Nalbandian of Thailand during his debut in the Asian Cup tennis. This is the event that the Philippine prime minister was watching after his arrival here on Saturday.



COOPER HIM GOLO. After Canada's premier's visit to the Philippines, he is the first to visit the Philippines. He is the first to visit the Philippines.



ARMY LADY. The woman in the blue and white uniform is the first to visit the Philippines. She is the first to visit the Philippines.

# 'Our friendship remains'

Only an 'act of God' can stop Garci's coming out

By Michael Lee Diao  
in Manila  
and Juliet Luyang in Iloilo

COMBING CITY—ONLY AN 'ACT OF GOD' will prevent the Philippine president from leaving today in preparation for his return to the United States after his 10-day visit to the Philippines.

## Thai deputy PM sees clean win of Pinoy tennis ace

By Joaquin W. Poy and Philip C. Torres

WITHIN HOURS AFTER HE ARRIVED yesterday, Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister Surin Udompaiboon saw with his own eyes how a Filipino tennis ace vanquished his rival from Thailand.



Philippines defeated Thailand's David Nalbandian, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, in the men's singles of the Southeast Asian Games tennis competition.

He saw the Philippines' and Thailand's "very good relations."

## Boxers deliver more golds in RP drive for No. 1

By Ray Lanza

IT WAS THE BOSS' TURN TO SHINE in the gold medal fight.

Manila's boxer, who won the gold medal, was the first to win the gold medal.

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## Hungry little school feeds on dream to go high tech

By Ark Centeno

SEBASTIAN, NORTHERN MINDANAO: A 10-year-old schoolchild named Aron is the owner of a computer.



ARMED AND DANGEROUS: A group of people, including a man in a blue shirt, are standing in front of a large screen or display.

## World's first transplant of human face stirs ethics row

LYON, FRANCE—THE WORLD'S first patient to wear a new face needs 20 hours after his operation in the northern city of Lyon, and looked to be in the recovery room, but his face was still in the operating room.















# Pay scale to rise, fall for gov't workers

By Jerry E. Esplanada

THERE IS GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS for the 1.4 million-plus government workers. The Civil Service Commission says it is working on a new compensation system that is "benchmarked with the private sector."

But Civil Service Commission officials led by chair Karina Constantino-David are being quite cryptic about the proposed new measure, called "Fiscal Ways of the Wage," which must first be approved by Congress before it could take effect.

Under the draft bill, which David said the commission plans to submit to Congress soon, the pay scale of state workers will be "higher than the private sector at the lower level." However, it will be "lower than the private sector at the higher level," David said during a recent interview.

This means government rank-and-file employees will get more than their counterparts in the private sector but those in supervisory and higher levels will receive less compensation than private sector supervisors and managers.

David said she considered the compensation study one of the CSC's top accomplishments for 2005.

Civil servants last got a 5-percent across-the-board salary adjustment in mid-2001.

David would give no other details of the new draft legislation, saying the commission wanted "to package" the entire thing so that people can understand (the new compensation package).

David said she doubted the government could afford the commission's proposed compensation package but added it was necessary to table the measure just the same.

"Okay, but we have to say this is the way our wage structure should be. Then we try to approximate it," David said. "*Iba yun kesa sabihin P500 across-the-board. Kalokohan yun.* (That's different from just saying increase salaries by P500 across-the-board. That's crazy)."

## Get on top of cases, labor arbiters urged

LABOR SECRETARY PATRICIA STO. TOMAS has urged voluntary arbitrators to take a more active role in resolving employment disputes, especially ones of national interest, so that harmony and productivity could be maintained in the workplace.

Speaking before members of the Tripartite Voluntary Arbitration Advisory Council (TVAAC), Sto. Tomas also said an impartial referee in labor cases was essential in cutting costs borne of long-drawn out legal proceedings.

"I would like to test the idea of having the TVAAC take on a more active role in the resolution of contentious issues and national interest disputes even in an advisory or mandatory capacity," she said at a recent seminar organized by the National Conciliation and Mediation Board, according to a Department of Labor and Employment statement.

Sto. Tomas said voluntary arbitrators should focus their efforts on disputes involving organized establishments.

Under the law, labor problems that are not settled through the regular grievance machinery are subjected to voluntary arbitration.

Voluntary arbitrators, who are usually designated beforehand by parties entering into a collective bargaining agreement, are authorized to hold hearings, receive evidence and take whatever action is necessary to effect a voluntary settlement between the parties involved. They resolve disputes involving unfair labor practices and bargaining deadlocks.

On the other hand, compulsory arbitration is entered into when a labor problem is seen as likely to lead to a strike or lockout.

Leila B. Salaverria

## Women's group sets talk on gov't

THE PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT and federalism, their advantages and disadvantages, will be the topic of discussion during the 27th general assembly and Christmas party of the Concerned Women of the Philippines Inc. (CWP) at Club Filipino on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.

The CWP is one of the oldest women's non-government organizations in the country.

Prof. Edmund S. Tayao, a political science expert and academician, will discuss "The Current Crisis in Governance: A Blessing in Disguise in Philippine Democratization?" An open forum will follow.

The CWP board is headed by honorary chair Ma. Teresa F. Nieva and chair Elizabeth Lorenzana Diaz. Other officers are vice chair Pearl G. Doromal, secretary Luz Emilia T. Boayes, treasurer Gilda P. Bengzon, PRO Pann L. Page and board members Nelia A. Cortez, Ileana Regina F. Cruz, Evelyn L. Kilayko, Soiri Luz U. Nuyda and Esperanza B. Paterno.

For more information, Len-Len may be contacted through telefax No. 929-6188. The general assembly program overall chair is Dr. Lucita Ablaza-Villegas.











# The WORLD

Editor Lawrence B. Gueza

## Iraq kidnappers threaten to kill hostages

BAGHDAD—THE KIDNAPPERS OF FOUR CHRISTIAN peace activists threatened to kill the hostages unless all prisoners in US and Iraqi detention centers are released, according to a videotape broadcast Friday by Al-Jazeera television.

The tape showed what the kidnappers said were US and Canadian hostages, the American and a British man also being held. The kidnappers gave the men governments until Thursday, Dec. 8, to meet their demands, according to Al-Jazeera, saying a videotape delivered with the tape.

The Canadians were shown eating from plates of what appeared to be Arabic sweets. In a second clip, the British and American hostages were shown talking to the camera but no audio was transmitted. All four men appeared frightened.

The hostages talked on the US and British governments to withdraw from Iraq, Al-Jazeera reported, saying a statement from the kidnappers, who

either identified themselves as the Islamic Front of Iraq or as a previously unknown group.

The video of the video showed two armed Iraqi men and the name of the kidnappers group written in red Arabic script—the same emblem shown in an earlier videotape of the hostages.

The group has claimed that the kidnapped men, from the Chicago-based Christian Peacekeepers Forum, were once working under the care of prison officials. The group issued a warning.

Craig Ballin, a Canadian member of Christian Peacekeepers Forum, said none of the death threat was disturbing.

"It's a bit of a shock," said Ballin, who had not yet seen the new video.

He said he hoped the kidnappers would receive messages of support from Muslims and other Arabs to the group, which opposes the war in Iraq.

"Hopefully they will continue to read those things and get a positive idea of what we do here and what my community is," he said.

The activists were seized Dec. 28 near Baghdad International Airport. A car blocked their exit, gunmen got out, threw the driver and his wife out and drove away with the four Westerners, security officials said. The activists spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to talk to the media.

The men were kidnapped at the same place where Saddam Hussein, a reporter for the Italian newspaper *L'Espresso*, was seized Feb. 1 and held for a month in a prison called Abu Muharikah. William Bradford Huie, who has been kidnapped and has not been heard from since, has been getting a different name.

By GUY CARROLL—Staff Writer, 34, of Clark Brook, Virginia; Thomas



THREE IRACI PRISONERS released by Al-Jazeera from an unknown website, and broadcast by the station Friday show Canadian Human Rights lawyer, 22, left, and James Lewis, 41.

Bradley, 74, of Canada; James Lewis, 41, of Toronto; and Thomas Hugh Gordon, 32, of Canada—had been separately reported by Iraq and Pakistan security officials that they were taking a grave risk by meeting about Baghdad without hostages.

## Executions revive death penalty debate

BRISBANE—THE EXECUTIONS of an Australian inmate hanged in the Philippines, and a murder in the United States in 1995, once capital punishment was resumed there in 1977, revived international debate about the death penalty.

Debate to resume with the death penalty said it was a loss of "black lives" that provided an offense against, while opponents said it was a cruel punishment that ignored human rights and the rule of law.

The death penalty moved on to the Singapore court in its execution with the law. We cannot interfere in what

another country is doing," said Howard

Alford told The Associated Press.

Veronica from Singapore Young, 25, was hanged after a conviction for a double homicide appears from Australian law for his life to be spared. He received a mandatory death sentence after being caught with 200 grams (14 ounces) of heroin in the city of Singapore in 2002, he said from Cambridge in Australia.

His execution triggered an outcry in Australia, which scrapped the death penalty in 1973. Prime Minister John Howard warned Singapore's execution would harm ties between the people of Australia and Singapore.

Hours after Singapore's execution, a double homicide who said he didn't

want to be hanged as a reward because the 1,000th person named in the United States since capital punishment resumed 20 years ago.

Howard Lee Bird, who passed away by hanging with and before a 17-year victim, died after receiving a life sentence in North Carolina.

Law enforcement officials and justice had been arrested, but activists said they hoped his death would leave a mark to abolish the death penalty.

"Maybe Howard Bird won't have died in vain, in a way because I believe the most people think about the death penalty and are opposed to it, because they don't like it," said Stephen Lee, executive director of People's Republic Against the Death Penalty.

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AP/Wide World. Paz is hugged by teammate Chan after their dual victory over China.

# RP rookie Paz hits gold

## Beats teammate Chan in women's compound final

By Juan Manzano

**MALIBU, CALIF.**—**ROOKIE** AMERICA, the adolescent veteran Jennifer Chan, to an all-Philippine triumph of the women's individual compound in archery of the 23rd Southeast Asian Games, yesterday at the Boreo Field here.

Ranking at the top of the draw throughout, the second-seeded team in senior Chan, 115-114, to their 12-arrow, 70-score showdown and clinch a gold in her debut SEA.

"I didn't find any pressure at all since it's a new field for us either way," said Paz, a 20-year-old psychology major from the University of the Philippines. "Heavily, sure, expecting a medal in this event is just not realistic."

The top finisher in the Asian Archery Grand Prix held in Bangkok last February, the 19-year-old Chan, 115-114, to their 12-arrow, 70-score showdown and clinch a gold in her debut SEA.

"I'm not nervous at all," said Paz, who had to shoot in the rain. "I'm not nervous at all," said Paz, who had to shoot in the rain. "I'm not nervous at all," said Paz, who had to shoot in the rain.

The final for both teams began before shifting to compound 1000.

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"It's not a bad thing," said Paz, who will join hands with Paz, Chan and Albert Tackles in the women's team compound final.

Headline team Chan and Maria Cordero ended

in the bronze in the women's and men's events in the compound and finished with a 1-1-1 gold, one bronze and one silver medal.

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RP's swimmer Molina was one of the medalists in the women's 400m.

# Molina blows bid for fourth swim gold

By Mark Anthony Reyes

**MANILA**—**AFTER** CLINCHING THREE GOLD, Miguel Molina only had enough for a silver medal last night when he came in second in the 400m of the 23rd Southeast Asian Games swimming competition at the Tubbataha Reef here.

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# Torture still widespread in China, says UN

BEIJING—A UNITED NATIONS RIGHTS investigator said Friday torture was still widespread in China and accused authorities of trying to silence his work on a human rights-finding mission.

"Torture is one of the darkest but it hasn't disappeared," Manfred Nowak, the UN Human Rights Commissioner's special rapporteur on torture, told a press briefing at the end of his 12-day trip.

"There is much that still needs to be done, there is a need for more, more structural reforms," Nowak's methods called for a press release at the end of his trip included use of electric shock beatings, cigarette burns, submergence in pools of water or sewage and exposure to conditions of extreme heat or cold.

Some techniques were apparently so widespread that they had generated a special terminology such as "voluntarily" or "willing" where prisoners are made to stand on a rail road and are

then beaten to the point of unconsciousness.

Nowak said Chinese authorities had clearly monitored and obstructed his work, which included interviews conducted by Beijing as well as in the provinces of Tibet and Xinjiang.

"There were serious incidents of obstructing my mission by the restriction of state and public security," he added.

"There was frequent surveillance of my interviews that I had outside informants with victims' family members," Nowak said.

He said his team was not allowed to bring photographic and electronic equipment into the prisons and their visits to correctional facilities were a limited to the morning hours of the week.

As the authorities were generally announced an hour in advance, Nowak said he could not be considered to have been strictly "unannounced," the press release said.

Nowak said he had also received reports that victims' family members were prevented from meeting him as they were either put under house arrest, stopped physically from seeing him, or simply intimidated.

While his country's prison conditions, Nowak said he observed "a palpable level of fear and self-censorship," he said.

"Unfortunately, a number of people did not wish to talk to me, which I regretted," he said.

However, the UN agency was allowed to speak in any language he wished to use. "But our single request regarding a fully released by the prison authorities," he said.

Nowak also highlighted the poor treatment of people awaiting death sentences.

China does not have a "death row" in the usual sense of the word, but facilities

where people sentenced to death await the results of their appeals. Beijing's prison and facility currently housed 50 inmates, he said.

As soon as they are convicted, they are handcuffed and put in shackles, allegedly to prevent them from escaping, he said.

"It's an additional inhuman and degrading punishment. It's not for precautionary measures," he said. "No body chain can actually free," he said.

Tibet and Xinjiang have engaged in long-standing crackdowns on separatists, and human rights groups regularly report widespread abuse of prisoners there.

Beijing-based civil rights lawyer Liu Xiaobo said AFP earlier that he was followed and monitored closely by security agents when he was meeting UN officials outside his home in China with Nowak.

At the beginning of his trip last month, Nowak praised China's leaders for acknowledging the widespread abuse of prisoners in the nation's jails, saying there was a growing awareness that improvements were needed.

Nowak came to China after receiving government assurances it would cooperate with him and allow him unannounced visits to prisons and private talks with prisoners.

The visit by Nowak, who is the first special rapporteur on torture to visit China, comes after years of negotiations between the UN and China on lowering substantial access to prisons, private talks with detainees and so-called releases against prisoners.

In the early 1990s a UN special rapporteur on arbitrary detention visited prisons in Tibet, but prisoners were provided for what they told the world press, rights group say.



**LONGEST GINGERBREAD**  
Each team is a volunteer Hong Kong group to stage a record attempt when for "The longest gingerbread cake in the world." The 30-member long gingerbread team's ingredients include 100kg of sugar, 500kg of eggs, 100kg of flour and 100kg of ginger sugar.

## Thousands set to rally for full democracy in HK

HONG KONG—THOUSANDS OF protesters are expected to march in Hong Kong's newest on Sunday to demand full democracy in the former British territory that's now part of China.

The protest comes as public discontent grows against the government's latest proposal for political reforms—changes that many believe don't go far enough. Pro-democracy lawmakers want the government to give a deadline for when voters will be given the right to elect the city's leader and entire legislature.

Analysts predict Sunday's march will draw between 30,000 and 50,000 people. The protest will be closely watched by the Hong Kong and Chinese governments, both of whom have gone on a public relations offensive to dispel confusion for the protest.

Beijing is eager to maintain stability in Hong Kong, which returned to Chinese rule in 1997. That measure pro-democracy activists helped trigger the territory's first leadership change since the handover. Both protests in 2003 and 2004—drawn half a million people demanding the right to pick their leader and legislators.

In August for weeks, both the pro-democracy and the pro-Beijing camps have spent heavily to take out prominent newspaper advertisements in a bid to influence public opinion and Sunday's outcome.

On Saturday an ad signed by 28 pro-democracy lawmakers reading "Right for democracy, make history" and "Hong Kong people cannot be kept waiting definitely" was posted in many major papers.

The government's political reform package calls for holding the vote of the 10th-member committee that picks Hong Kong's leader. The reform also proposes expanding the 60-member legislature. Half the members are directly elected, while the other half are selected by interest groups.

In a rare televised address days ahead of the planned protest, Hong Kong leader Donald Tsang warned that opposing the reform package would result in no democratic progress. But critics accused the leader of trying to pressure the public against marching.

"Could Tsang ever make another" read a front-page headline in the main-market Apple Daily newspaper today after Tsang's speech. Tsang also took the unusual step of inviting pro-democracy Hong Kong pro-democracy lawmakers to discuss political reforms with senior Chinese officials in the southern Chinese city of Shanghai.

After Friday's meeting, Qian Qixiang, deputy secretary general of the Chinese legislature's standing committee, noted from the electronic reform package but criticized its content of reforms for democracy.

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# Thaksin accused of corruption

**BANGKOK**—AN OUTSPOKEN JOURNALIST has stirred up the biggest political crisis facing Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra in his nearly five years in power, taking him into a league of out-cast, abuse-of-power and dis-respect for the country's national identity.

Samkrit Limsilp, a 40-year-old journalist, has taken to his blog a series of posts, some of which have been deleted, but he has not stopped writing. He has posted a series of posts, some of which have been deleted, but he has not stopped writing. He has posted a series of posts, some of which have been deleted, but he has not stopped writing.

Samkrit has an open relationship with Thaksin for the 10 years he has lived a long life off his father's money. He began to document just how discredited people are with Thaksin and their negative the negative elements of opposition in a political environment capable of silencing him.

Samkrit has questioned Thaksin's ability but even impressed by his ability to withstand Thaksin's attempts to shut him

up with his own.

Thaksin's huge popularity in Parliament has given him an ability to shut critics out. These include persistent allegations of corruption and failure to curb a Muslim insurgency in the country's south that has cost more than 1,300 lives in the past two years.

The 51-year-old Samkrit, whose Bangkok Media Group includes several newspapers, magazines, website and production houses, has been speaking out after becoming dismayed by what he described as "corrupt" government corruption.

"I'm not a crusader and I'm not a hero, I am just the person who has freedom of expression," the 41-year-old Samkrit told The Associated Press news service.

Thaksin, his critics charge, uses his power and wealth from his family's telecommunications empire to silence his critics and to shut him

down when he is speaking. He responded to Samkrit's allegations with a direct denial, saying billions of baht in damages for defamation. He says it is a matter of defending his good name.

Samkrit has been one of the loudest voices in a press to demand Thaksin's resignation, claiming corruption in the case of Thaksin's resignation, claiming corruption in the case of Thaksin's resignation, claiming corruption in the case of Thaksin's resignation.

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## Astronomers in Chile discover new planet

**ANTOFAGASTA**—A TEAM OF PERUVIAN AND Swiss astronomers working at the La Silla Observatory in Chile discovered a planet about the size of Neptune located some 205 light-years from our solar system, the European Southern Observatory said on Wednesday.

The first planet found is named 18 Librae b, located in the Libra constellation and lies about 117 times the mass of the Earth. It takes only 5 days to complete its orbit around a star that has about a third the mass of the Earth's sun, the press release said.

The star UZ 18 is a red dwarf, a small, cool, star that is the most common type in our galaxy. About 80 of the 100 stars closest to the sun are red dwarfs, astronomers are interested in discovering if they have planets orbiting them.

"This discovery could mean that planets orbiting small stars are common," said Xavier Barthelemy, a member of Peruvian Gran Observatorio Astronomico. Laboratory said in a statement. "But only our direct observations can tell us the truth for now."

Of the currently known 179 planets orbiting other stars, only five of them are smaller than the newly discovered planet.

The discovery was made possible by a high precision instrument called HARPS that astronomers installed in the telescope of the observatory in March 2004. **Reuters**

## WORLD BRIEFS

**China coal mine deaths**  
**BEIJING**—Sixteen workers were killed and 43 others injured in a coal mine explosion in the northeast China state of Inner Mongolia, according to a report from the Chinese government. The explosion occurred in the 10th district of the city of Baotou, which is one of the largest coal producing areas in China. The explosion occurred in the 10th district of the city of Baotou, which is one of the largest coal producing areas in China.

**UAE founding anniversary**  
**ABU DHABI**—UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Wednesday. The UAE has taken a number of steps to ensure its security and stability, and has been successful in its efforts to build a strong and stable nation. The UAE has taken a number of steps to ensure its security and stability, and has been successful in its efforts to build a strong and stable nation.

**Indian bird flu death**  
**DELHI**—A woman has died of bird flu in India, the eighth person to die of the disease. The woman, who was 45 years old, died of the disease in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The disease is caused by a virus that is spread by birds and can be fatal to humans. The woman, who was 45 years old, died of the disease in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

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The 101-story Taipei 101, the world's tallest building, towers over Taipei, capital.













# INQUIRER Mindanao

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## Farming with the sun, the moon and stars

By Jeffrey H. Tapas  
Malina, David Calabun

WHEN THE MOON AND the sun passed through the sphere of Taurus in June 6 and 7, our farmers in the Agriculture Department in North Cotabato perceived a peculiar phenomenon that some people might suspect is ridiculous.

So puzzled and amazed were some of the farmers and workers in the area that they decided to try the new method. In other words, they tried the new method of farming, like the sun and moon and stars and the four basic elements—air, water, fire and earth.

So, people in the area, but the government has not yet been able to prove it.

People believe this practice is not only a method of farming, but also a way of life. In other words, they tried the new method of farming, like the sun and moon and stars and the four basic elements—air, water, fire and earth.

### Indoctrination

"First, indoctrination is not done when the sun and moon are in Taurus. Second, this is the philosophy of two forces—the elements of fire and water," said Benito Garcia, head of the Benito Garcia Foundation, a non-profit organization promoting the Indoctrination.

In June, Indoctrination was started in North Cotabato. They did three things: they tried the new method of farming, like the sun and moon and stars and the four basic elements—air, water, fire and earth.

If they want to stop it, they will not only stop it, but also stop it. In other words, they tried the new method of farming, like the sun and moon and stars and the four basic elements—air, water, fire and earth.

To make plants of stars, they apply some special liquid to a bottle and leave them in the sun. This also promotes the growth of the sun and moon and stars and the four basic elements—air, water, fire and earth.

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Garcia, average 7.11 tons per hectare.

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# Mindanao NGOs push organic campaign

**DAVAO CITY**—NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS in Mindanao are pushing for organic and biodynamic farming in Mindanao, a less popular but environmentally-friendly alternative form of agriculture.

Biodynamic Farming and the Food Sovereignty Plan call organic and biodynamic farming is usually being practiced already in at least five provinces on the island. (See related story on Page A17.)

The NGOs said there are about

3,000 farmers from South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, North Cotabato and Maguindanao, who shifted to organic and biodynamic farming and are gaining ground moving away from using highly synthetic chemicals in their farming practices.

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Don Bowers is the prime mover of biodynamic farming in different provinces in Mindanao.

Johnny Paganon, of the Don Bowers Movement, said like any other NGOs, they embrace organic and movement on biodynamic farming. Bowers, according to Don Bowers, are now attracted to their systems of farming because it is not dependent on costly and hazardous chemicals.

The European Development in Agriculture, already produced organic products in Davao City and Marikina City. (See related story on Page A17.)



Illustration by [Name]

## ROUNDUP

### 4 slain in Cotabato

**COTABATO CITY**—Unidentified gunmen on Tuesday killed at least four people in separate attacks here and in Sultan Kudarat. North Cotabato authorities said in the Sultan Kudarat police station. (See related story on Page A17.)

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### Quake in Mindanao

**DARAO CITY**—A small earthquake centered and centered in Mindanao and Paganon City early morning Tuesday, the magnitude of the quake was 2.5, said Bowers. (See related story on Page A17.)

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### Immense escapes

**DARAO CITY**—A prisoner being sought in a court hearing in Paganon City on Tuesday. Police identified the prisoner as [Name]. (See related story on Page A17.)

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### Marian images

**MANILA**—A group of images of the Virgin Mary will join the Marian images in the Philippines. (See related story on Page A17.)

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### Laguana school is SO

**LAGUANA**—The Laguana School is a private school in the town of Laguana. (See related story on Page A17.)

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### Awards for E. Samar

**CELEBRATION**—The Samar province is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Philippine Revolution. (See related story on Page A17.)



## Puerto ushers in holidays with Xmas tree

PUERTO RICO—CITY—(AP)—The Christmas season already is in the air and the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Parish in San Juan around the corner, some 15,000 residents of this city gathered the family celebrating on an 18th Christmas tree at the Maricao Park in the heart of the city on Thursday.

The ceremony also served as the start of the month-long "Fiestas, Fables and Celebrations of the Year."

Puerto Rico's City Mayor Salvador E. Berroa presided at the ceremony, "the Christmas season has always played a great role in creating not only the city but the entire nation, so we'll not let this year Christmas be another the same making love that God has continued to shower upon us, and we hope our families in the last Christmas."

At the end of the message, the light of the 18th Christmas tree was switched on to the cheer of some 10,000 residents who gathered around the Maricao Park to witness the event.

After the switching on, the crowd was again entertained by a dramatic display that showed the story of the Christmas.

—Associated Press, Associated Press, Associated Press



CHILDREN were the first to see from the foot of the Christmas tree while Mayor Salvador E. Berroa presided at the ceremony. The tree is in the Maricao Park in the heart of the city.



## Cop, 2 others wanted for killing of girl, 7

CAMP MENTEN (LUCENA)—A police officer and his two other officers are wanted for the killing of a 7-year-old girl and wounding of a 16-year-old boy in Lucena, 24 miles from Marikina City, on Wednesday night.

Chief Insp. Marvin Sam, Lucena police chief, identified the suspect as POC Frank Ballesteros.

Ballesteros spent many other days during the past few days in the Lucena City police station. He was arrested on the night of the killing of the girl and the boy. He was arrested on the night of the killing of the girl and the boy. He was arrested on the night of the killing of the girl and the boy.

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## Hope for eagle population to soar rises with new eaglet

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## Gov't forces search for NPA graves

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## Logging return in Quezon meets tough opposition

LUCENA CITY—(AP)—The Quezon province officials and multi-sector groups have demanded that the return of logging in the province be subject to a study by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

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# Pagunsan, RP team out front; Jayvie also leads



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pagunsan (center)  
Bautista (right)  
Jayvie  
members of the  
RP ladies team  
with fan  
promoters at The  
Country Club,  
Pembroke, Long  
Island, N.Y.  
Agrios, Bautista  
and Arty Topolich  
(left to right)

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## Ace shotmaker fires record 64

By Maung K. Cardillo

**SUN. BOST. LAUREN—RUP: PAGUNSAN** set himself up for victory in individual play in morning play, shooting a course-record six-under-par 64 yesterday that also boosted the Philippine team's team to a huge lead going into the final day of the 2005 U.S. Women's Open.

Pagunsan tossed her golf bag at the Country Club course here upstate New York, firing a record 21 on his home-made shot to put on eight under-par 64 hole-in-ones of 2005 and an eight-under lead in the tournament.

Agrios, also, entered the tournament with a 64 hole-in-one, but he did not shoot a hole-in-one while leading the 80 men to record a 64 hole-in-one.

Agrios had an eight-par eight under-par 64, but he finished with a 69 to move on top of ladies individual play with a three-under 69. Agrios, Pagunsan's third place, and the Philippines ladies five from a tie with Singapore and moved to a seven-under lead in team play with a 64 total.

"I gave more respect of my game to the place," Pagunsan, whose 64 is the best two-round score both players had in a double-bogey hole in the second round.

Agrios finished with a 70 and Michael Burt finished for the first time in three days with a 71 in a 22-under 141.

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## Paz nails gold for RP sailors

**SUN. SAN FRANCISCO—GORDON** has over 10 years of experience in sailing and is the only Filipino to win gold in the sailing competition of the 2004 Southeast Asian Games in the Subic Bay Club.

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# Sunday **BIZ**

## What a difference an idea can make

**BAUTYNOES**  
makes soap-out  
of coconut fiber

By Tina Arnes-Dumias

**W**HAT A DIFFERENCE ideas can make.

In Laguna, the Laguna Bay Environmental Army Foundation Inc. has thought of making charcoal briquettes for commercial households (and from waste removed from the vital Laguna de Bay). It took half of biomass... mostly waste (barbecue and coconut

husk)... makes almost 600 works of charcoal briquettes, which are then sold for P10 a kilo.

The enterprise not only encourages the members to protect more waste from the Laguna de Bay to preserve the environment, it also provides employment to the members who work at the industrial nursery facility at the Laguna office of the Laguna Lake Development Authority.

Other members get commu-

munications



**CONCRETE** Workers help using further services of Tubbog River















SUNDAY,  
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**HOLIDAY dressing. After black, purple reigns!**

# Bea Valdes in Vogue. . .

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son Cooper 360°.”

Anderson burst into people’s consciousness with his emotional coverage of the Asian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. According to CNN’s press release on him and the show, “He does not shy away from strong opinions, provocative stories and challenging issues. Regular features include Anderson’s take on the world of media and the news, with in-depth coverage of justice, politics, health and pop culture, all from contributors who are as engaged, and engaging, as Anderson.”

Anderson happens to be the son of socialite/fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt. He graduated from Yale University with a degree in political science. In 1995 he signed on with ABC News, making him the youngest correspondent of the network at 28.

In People magazine’s annual search for “the Sexiest Men Alive 2005” Anderson falls under the “Why we love smart guys” section. He has the silver-gray hair and baby blue eyes that make him visually appealing.

With the untimely death of Peter Jennings and the retirement of Dan Rather and Ted Koppel, Anderson represents the new breed of TV news anchors and talking heads who are not afraid to show their feelings, who seem to be more approachable and real and possess that important element: heart.

You can catch him every day on CNN, 11 a.m.

**MUST-WATCH MOVIE.** The Broadway musical “Rent,” soon to be in movie theaters



# Bea Valdes in Vogue—again!

**B**EAT UNLESS—Second time's the charm. After coming out in *Vogue* magazine early in 2005, stylish bag designer Bea Valdes adds another feather to her cap by appearing again in the December issue of *Vogue* magazine.

Not content with adding her own of a kind bags, Bea has gone a step further and is now design-

ing jewelry. According to *Vogue*, "Bea Valdes, the Filipino designer who put an instantly eye-catching collection of handbags across renowned evening bags, has applied the elegantly flamboyant touch to jewelry."

Bea, who is the granddaughter of the late grand preacher in Pundit, is following in her grand-mother's footsteps.

"My family's legacy lies in fine jewelry, and I hope to one day carry that prestige soon," she says.

## TNT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Amor  
San Diego



There may be just the word. With backing from Amor's Fashion Bible, that hope is already here. And further from home, Blue Canyon who now works in L.A. Teller: Bea's bags are doing very well and increasingly featured in the South China Morning Post Magazine.

According to *Vogue* this who heads Harvey Nichols in L.A., out of the 14 bags she brought from Bea, there's only one left, and the store is now selling her jewelry, too.

In Bea, we are truly proud of you and congratulations once again.

### Must wear for the holidays

Everyone is getting ready for the holidays. Just check out the traffic and long lines at Macy's.

There are a few trends and tips to help you turn into a fashion plate instead of a fashion victim this season.

If you are looking for an alternative to the hot color trends, then purple is it—first tips to social dinner and evening parties. For accessories, go for a major statement with big, bold, colorful bags and bags in various materials.

In the night become white, my goodness to these accessories produce eye-catch and go back to all women, play or entertained. They are definitely more elegant and not as common. For evening wear, despite what the political economic situation is, it's high time to start feeling glamorous, so go for embroidered, shiny or beaded jackets, gowns and dresses.

**Movies to watch out for**  
The last part of the year always brings the best movies—as they say "young Oscar." There are a few of TNT's picks that you should not miss.

"Monsters of a Creation" based on all Asian main cast, the first Hollywood film to do so, to star Kim Baskin ("The Last Temptation") Eli Zheng and Michelle Yeh, both of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" fame. The film is an adaptation of the best-selling novel of the same title.

"Gloria" has George Clooney, Annette Bening and Matt Damon. A political thriller focusing on attempts in the global oil industry, it also talks about the corruption and power of governments (watch out!). Definitely the most timely movie this season!

"Trade and Prejudice." If you love period films, you can't miss this one. Adapted from Jane Austen's classic novel, the film stars with big, bold, colorful bags and bags in various materials.



A GLITTERING Bea Valdes creation

was twice highly ("Powers of the Caribbean").

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### Opinionated host

Who is Anderson Cooper? He hosts CNN's news show, "Today Show."

The stylish bag and jewelry designer once again makes it to the pages of the world's fashion bible



ONE of People magazine's nation's top 100, news anchor Anderson Cooper